

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): Extraction method of Maca extract, wherein a temperature of extracting solution is from 20°C to 75°C when Maca extract is extracted by adding aqueous solution containing ethanol to small pieces or powder of Maca.

Claim 2 (Original): The extraction method according to claim 1, wherein concentration of the ethanol in the aqueous solution containing ethanol is from 20 to 100 by volume%.

Claim 3 (Original): The extraction method according to claim 1, wherein from 0.3 to 500 by weight% of the aqueous solution containing ethanol is used against 1 by weight% of small pieces or powder or small piece of Maca.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The extraction method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the small pieces or powder of Maca is a residue of watery extraction.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A Maca extract obtained by the method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1.

Claim 6 (Original): A food and beverage product, a perfumery and a cosmetic and a pharmaceutical preparation comprising the Maca extract of claim 5.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A food and beverage product, a perfumery and a cosmetic and a pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 6, ~~wherein comprising~~ comprising from 0.01 to 99.5% of Maca extract ~~according to claim 5 in dry weight is comprised.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A food and beverage product, a perfumery and a cosmetic and a pharmaceutical preparation according to ~~either claim 6 or 7~~ claim 6, possessing an anti-allergic effect.

Claim 9 (Original): An additive or a compounding agent for a food and beverage product, a perfumery and a cosmetic, or a pharmaceutical preparation, wherein Maca extract according to claim 5 is comprised.

Claim 10 (Original): A food and beverage product, a perfumery and a cosmetic or a pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 8, being a candy, a troche, a gum, a granule or a tablet.